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GENEVA PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: U.S. ARMS SALES POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 115409, (B) STATE 115395 (NOTAL),

(C) STATE 115244

1. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON VIKTOR ISRAELYAN, CHIEF OF THE SOVIET MFA'S IO DIVISION, ON MAY 20 TO DELIVER THE TEXT OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S NEW POLICY ON ARMS TRANSFERS (REF A). POL COUNS SUPPLEMENTED THIS NON-PAPER WITH ORAL PRESENTATION OF POINTS IN REF B, PARA 4, AND APPROPRIATE POINTS FROM GENERAL TALKING POINTS (REF C). POL COUNS STRESSED THOSE POINTS INDICATING THAT SUCCESS IN THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY REQUIRED RESTRAINT BY  
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OTHER SUPPLIERS AS WELL AS RECIPIENTS. POL COUNS SAID THESE AND ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS MIGHT BE PRESENTED AS NON-PAPER BY CHARGE TO DEPUTY MINISTER KORNIYENKO AFTER LATTER RETURNS FROM GENEVA NEXT WEEK (SEPTTEL).

2. ISRAELYAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COPY OF

THE TEXT AND FOR THE ORAL POINTS, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD STUDY THEM CAREFULLY.

3. IN A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, RELATED TO THE FIRST TALKING POINT, HE ASKED WHETHER THIS INFORMATION HAD ANY DIRECT BEARING ON PLANS TO FORM THE U.S. - SOVIET WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS ARMS TRANSFERS. HIS IMPRESSION, HE SAID, WAS THAT FIVE OF THE PROPOSED WORKING GROUPS HAD BEEN FORMED, TWO OF WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN MEETING IN GENEVA, AND THE OTHER THREE OF WHICH WOULD MEET WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. BUT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE WORKING GROUP ON ARMS TRANSFERS HAD YET BEEN FORMED.

4. POL COUNS REPLIED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO PLANS FOR THE WORKING GROUP, BUT THAT WE WOULD INFORM THE SOVIETS, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR IN MOSCOW, WHEN WE HAD THOUGHTS TO PRESENT ON THIS SUBJECT.

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